

AUA New President Dr. Bruce Boghosian Welcomed in Los Angeles

PASADENA - Friends and benefactors of the American University of Armenia (AUA) gathered to honor the service of President Emeritus Haroutune Armenian and his wife Sona and to welcome new President Bruce Boghosian and his wife Laura at a gala dinner held at Caltech's Athenaeum Club in Pasadena.

The October 26 event celebrated service, achievement and transition in the continued growth and advancement of the institution, which opened its classroom doors on September 21, 1991, the first day of independence of the Republic of Armenia.

The University today features full U.S. accreditation, state of the art educational facilities, and expanding programs that extend across Armenia and Karabagh -- accomplishments achieved during President Armenian's 13-year tenure. Dr. Armenian, in turn, carried forward the work and attainments of founding President Dr. Mihran Agababian, who introduced him. The evening was a memorable gathering of the three AUA presidents, each of whom serves today in multiple capacities.

Among the dignitaries who spoke at the event were C. Judson King, former provost of

the U.C. system and director of U.C.'s Center for Studies in Higher Education, who has served as chair of AUA's board of trustees for many years. Armenian Consul General Grigor Hovhannissian spoke on behalf of Armenia's Ministry of Education, which along with the University of California, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, and the U.S. Agency for International Development, was responsible for the creation of AUA, and which, along with other institutions and individual donors, continues to assist the growth and development of AUA.

Academic Dignitaries

Among the many members of the academic, philanthropic and business communities, the arts were represented by Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Turpanjian who have made tremendous contributions and lately for rural development. Mrs. Sona Akian, whose family made a donation and the Art Gallery is named the Akian Gallery, Maestro Aram Gharabekian, former conductor of the Yerevan Chamber Orchestra; actress, writer and producer Karen Kondazian; and award-winning architect Ron Altoon, designer of AUA's new Paramaz Avedisian Building.

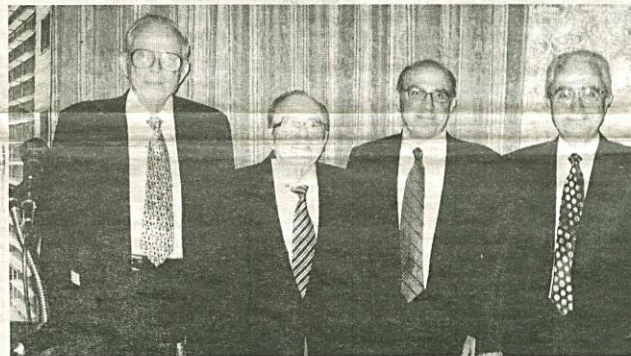
Dr. Boghosian spoke about the achievements of AUA, where he has visited several times, and talked about new visions he has to add to AUA's accomplishments.

The evening concluded with Board Chairman C. Judson King presenting to Dr. Haroutune Armenian a modern sculpture with an inscription that states the appreciation of the AUA Board of Trustees for his many years of service to AUA.

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President of AUA Dr. Bruce Boghosian



At gala reception, from left, former Provost Judson King, AUA Founding First President Dr. Mihran Agababian, current President of AUA Dr. Bruce Boghosian, and outgoing President Dr. Haroutune Armenian.



From left: Mrs. Laura Boghosian, author-actress Karen Kondazian, Mrs. Sona Armenian, and Mrs. Elizabeth Agababian.